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In re Patent No. 6,887,398
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Application No. 09/509,400
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 8, 2006 under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the assignee's name on the front of the Patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the assignee is SASOL GERMANY GMBH, and seeks to correct an error on the face of the patent. Petitioner does not indicate that the failure to include the correct assignee name on the Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85(b) was inadvertent however it will be so construed. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the petition.

Accordingly, petitioner requests that a certificate of correction be issued to reflect the correct assignee on the front page of the Letters Patent.

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

After payment of the issue fee: Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter.

The request is accompanied by a certificate of correction. Office assignment records reflect that SASOL GERMANY GMBH is the assignee of record and thus, the certificate of correction will be issued in the name of SASOL GERMANY GMBH in accordance with the Office assignment records.

¹ See Official Gazette of June 22, 2004

The petition fee and fee for the certificate of correction have been applied.

Accordingly, as the request complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.81(b), it would be appropriate for a certificate of correction to issue.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3212. Any questions concerning the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificates of Correction Branch at (703) 305-8309.

This matter is being referred to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of a certificate of correction.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

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